

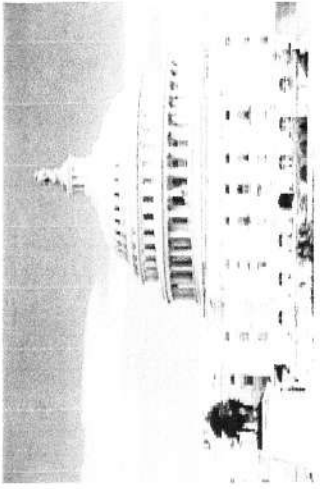
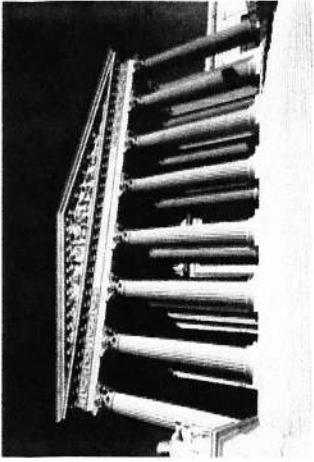


CLUE ME IN ON THE CONSTITUTION



1. Read each CLUE. Which branch of our federal government does it describe – Executive, Legislative or Judicial
2. Place them in the correct column on the Work Sheet.

Controls government spending – power of the US budget	Propose Constitution Amendments	Declares war; provides and maintains the armed forces.
Sends messages to Congress – i.e., the State of the Union	Conducts impeachment hearings	Is “checked” by the Judicial and Executive branches
Is headed by the President	Appoints government officials – ambassadors, judges, cabinet members	Approves treaties and nominations/appointments
Interprets laws	Can declare laws unconstitutional	Makes treaties and appointments
Can override veto by two-thirds vote	Checks the Congress by interpreting laws and treaties	Makes laws
One is “supreme” and the others will be established by Congress	Takes an oath to “preserve protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”	Enforces laws
Can veto bills	Decides if laws follow the Constitution	Is “checked” by the Executive and Legislative branches
Checks the President by interpreting laws and treaties	Consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives	Is “checked” by the Judicial and Legislative branches



Branches Worksheet
